

*Administration of Joseph R. Biden, Jr., 2023*

**Remarks in an Exchange With Reporters Upon Arrival From Covington, Kentucky  
January 4, 2023**

*The President's Travel to the Mexico-U.S. Border/Border Security*

*Q.* Mr. President, what would you like to see when you go to the border?

*The President.* Peace and security. No, I'm going to see what's going on. I'm going to be making a speech tomorrow on border security, and you'll hear more about it tomorrow.

*Representative Kevin O. McCarthy/Speaker of the House of Representatives Election Process*

*Q.* Do you think Kevin McCarthy should drop his bid for Speaker? Should Kevin McCarthy drop his bid for Speaker?

*The President.* That's up to him.

*Q.* What's your message to Damar Hamlin and his family?

*Q.* What city would you like to go to on the border, sir?

*The President.* Pardon me?

*National Football League Player Damar Hamlin*

*Q.* What's your message to Damar Hamlin and his family?

*The President.* I spoke to his mother and father at length.

NOTE: The President spoke at 4:24 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House after exiting Marine One. In his remarks, he referred to Nina and Mario Hamlin, parents of Damar Hamlin, a safety with the National Football League's Buffalo Bills, who suffered a cardiac arrest during a game against the Cincinnati Bengals on January 2.

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